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WEST VIRGINIA CATTLE INVENTORY

Charleston, West Virginia – Cattle inventory in West Virginia as of January 1, 2019 totaled 390,000 head, down 5,000 head from the January 1, 2018 inventory. **All cows and heifers that have calved** totaled 205,000 head, this is down 5,000 head from January 1, 2018.

Comparing January 1, 2019 to January 1, 2018: **beef cows** that have calved totaled 198,000 head, down 5,000 head; **milk cows** that have calved totaled 7,000 head, unchanged; **all heifers 500 pounds and over** totaled 55,000 head, down 3,000 head; **beef replacement heifers** totaled 32,000 head, down 5,000 head; **milk replacement heifers** totaled 3,000 head, unchanged; **other heifers** totaled 20,000 head, up 2,000 head; **steers 500 pounds and over** totaled 42,000 head, up 1,000 head; **bulls 500 pounds and over** totaled 14,000 head, down 1,000 head; **calves less than 500 pounds** totaled 74,000 head, up 3,000 head. **Cattle on feed** for slaughter totaled 4,000 head, unchanged from 2018.

The 2018 **calf crop** totaled 185,000 head, down 10,000 head from the 2017 calf crop.

United States – All cattle and calves in the United States as of January 1, 2019 totaled 94.8 million head, slightly above the 94.3 million head on January 1, 2018. **All cows and heifers that have calved**, at 41.1 million head, were 1 percent above the 40.9 million head on January 1, 2018.

Comparing January 1, 2019, to January 1, 2018: **beef cows** that have calved totaled 31.8 million head, up 1 percent; **milk cows** that have calved totaled 9.35 million head, down 1 percent; **all heifers 500 pounds and over** totaled 20.2 million head, up slightly; **beef replacement heifers** totaled 5.92 million head, down 3 percent; **milk replacement heifers** totaled 4.70 million head, down 1 percent; **other heifers** totaled 9.60 million head, up 3 percent; **steers 500 pounds and over** totaled 16.6 million head, up 1 percent; **bulls 500 pounds and over** totaled 2.26 million head, up slightly; **calves less than 500 pounds** totaled 14.5 million head, up 1 percent. **Cattle and calves on feed** for slaughter in all feedlots totaled 14.4 million head, up 2 percent. The combined total of **calves under 500 pounds and other heifers and steers over 500 pounds** (outside of feedlots) was 26.4 million head, up 1 percent.

The 2018 calf crop in the United States was estimated at 36.4 million head, up 2 percent from last year's calf crop. Calves born during the first half of 2018 were estimated at 26.6 million head, up 3 percent from the first half of 2017. Calves born during the second half of 2018 were estimated at 9.80 million head, 27 percent of the total 2018 calf crop.